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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gary D. HODGEN et al.

Serial No.: 08/462,783

Filed: June 5, 1995

For: ANTIPROGESTIN METHOD AND KIT FOR REDUCING SIDE EFFECTS
ASSOCIATED WITH LOW DOSAGE HRT, ORAL CONTRACEPTION AND
REGULATING MENSES

LETTER

Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Appreciation is expressed to Petition's Examiner Hicks for the very helpful telephone conversation of July 16, 1996.

During that conversation, it was the recommendation of Ms. Hicks that a response to the office action of September 12, 1995, be filed in order to make clear that all of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.137 have been fulfilled. Such a response is attached.

However, for the record, it is submitted that Rule 129 is a remedial rule and is to be broadly interpreted. Consequently, since a final rejection of subject matter pending in this application was previously issued in the grandparent application, the benefits of the rule should apply to this application. In any event, the action being taken otherwise herein renders this position moot. Of course, the submissions attached to the revival filed on May 8, 1996, if nothing else, establish a bona fide attempt at fulfilling all requirements to perfect a response to the office action of September 12, 1995. The application, thus, was ripe for revival with, perhaps, a 30-day letter to be issued by the examiner.


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NOTICE TO EXAMINER:

The references mentioned in the IDS of May 8, 1996, are not in the PTO file yet. Rather than filing these at this juncture and risk loss due to handling in the PTO, the examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned when the application arrives in the group. At that time, all of the references will be immediately hand-carried to the Group.

Respectfully submitted,



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